

Amendment No. 1 to HB7007

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 7090

House Bill No. 7007*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-7-110, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting:

(c)

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2) and subsection (d), the reports of the county medical examiners, toxicological reports, and autopsy reports are public documents.

(2)

(A) The reports of county medical examiners and autopsy reports of a minor victim when the manner of death is deemed homicide are not public documents.

(B) The report of a county medical examiner or autopsy report of a minor victim when the manner of death is deemed homicide may be released if:

(i) The minor's parent or legal guardian is not a suspect in the circumstances of the minor's death and the parent or legal guardian consents to the release; or

(ii) A court orders the release of the report upon a showing of good cause. As used in this subdivision (c)(2)(B)(ii), "good cause" includes, but is not limited to, release of the records for the investigation of a potential wrongful conviction.

(3) Medical records of deceased persons, law enforcement investigative reports, and photographs, video, and other images of deceased persons are not public records.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.